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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
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The Honorable Timothy H. Bishop
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Shuster and Gibbs, and Ranking Members Rahall and Bishop:

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) supports the passage of H.R. 3080 the *Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013*. WRRDA both reforms and authorizes the programs of the Army Corps of Engineers' (Army Corps) Civil Works programs related to navigation, flood risk management, recreation, infrastructure and environmental stewardship. NRMCA strongly supports this bill which provides much needed investment and reform to the nation's water infrastructure.

NRMCA was founded on December 26, 1930, and today represents more than 2,000 member companies and subsidiaries that employ more than 125,000 American workers who manufacture and deliver ready mixed concrete. The Association represents both national and multinational companies that operate in every congressional district in the United States. The industry is currently estimated to include more than 68,000 ready mixed concrete trucks.

The ready mixed concrete industry plays a vital part in our nation's prosperity and international competitiveness. Without ready mixed concrete many of the projects WRRDA authorizes would not be possible. WRRDA provides the nation with a much needed vehicle for economic growth and an opportunity to build the necessary infrastructure for the 21st century. It also offers an opportunity to lay the foundation for a built environment that will withstand future natural disasters. Specifically, NRMCA supports WRRDA's direction on the employment of resilient construction building techniques, and supports the inclusion of the definition of resilient construction which will allow a property to resist hazards brought on by a major disaster and to continue to provide the primary

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functions of the property after a major disaster. Investing in resilient construction will help save lives and limit the need for expensive emergency rebuilding.

This bill will help ensure the Army Corps ability to effectively expedite projects, prioritize investments, provide resilience, protect communities and maintain our nation's waterways, ports, channels, dams and levees. Finally, WRRDA will help create American jobs and ensure long-term economic productivity and quality of life enhancements that result from water resources infrastructure investments.

Thank you so much for your hard work on this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Garbini, P.E.,
President